

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**[0036]** The invention will now be explained more closely by means of the four drawing figures:

**[0037]** Fig. 1: a three-dimensional schematic representation of a fifth wheel with closing hook, closing bar, and grease cartridge arranged thereon;

**[0038]** Fig. 2: a three-dimensional view of a closing hook looking opposite the direction of travel;

**[0039]** Fig. 3: a three-dimensional view of a closing hook looking in the direction of travel; and

**[0040]** Fig. 4: a three-dimensional view of a closing bar[[; and]].

**[0040.5]** Fig. 5: ~~a three-dimensional schematic representation of a fifth wheel with a closing hook, closing bar, and grease cartridge arranged thereon, with a variable control mechanism comprising an engine control mechanism.~~

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

**[0046]** The control mechanism 11 is a process computer, which is likewise hooked up via data cables 21 to a pressure sensor 13. When the trailer is mounted, it exerts a load on the fifth wheel 2. This load status is sensed by the pressure sensor 13, goes as a metered value into the variable control mechanism 11 and is processed there. As a result, the variable control mechanism 11 when a trailer is present puts out a control

signal at its data output to open the valve control mechanism 12. When a trailer is not mounted, on the other hand, the valve control mechanism 12 is placed in a closed position, so that no grease gets out of the grease cartridge 9. Thanks to this procedure, the grease consumption is even further reduced. ~~In Fig. 5, the variable control mechanism 11 comprises an engine control mechanism 26.~~

Please amend page 14, the List of reference numbers, as follows:

#### **List of reference numbers**

- 1 closing mechanism
- 2 fifth wheel
- 3 coupling plate
- 4 closing hook
- 5 closing bar
- 6 grease reservoir
- 7 lubricating line
- 8 sliding coating
- 9 grease cartridge
- 10 drive unit
- 11 variable control mechanism
- 12 valve control mechanism
- 13 pressure sensor
- 14 wearing ring
- 15 contact surface of closing hook and kingpin
- 16 bearing hole of closing hook
- 17 direction of driving
- 18 contact surface of closing hook and closing bar
- 19 contact surface of closing bar and closing hook
- 20 bearing hole of closing bar
- 21 data cable

- 22 bearing opening
- 23 lubricating channel
- 24 closing opening
- 25 rear leg of closing hook
- 26 ~~engine control mechanism~~